

REMARKS

Claims 4-9, 15-21, 31, and 32 stand rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 33 and 34 are hereby added. Hence, claims 4-9, 15-21, and 31-34 are all the claims pending in the application.

Statement of Substance of Interview

On July 9, 2008 and August 18, 2008, Applicants' representative, Sean M. Conner, conducted telephone interviews with Examiner Ajay M. Bhatia.

In the interviews, the rejections of independent claims 4 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) were discussed. In view of the helpful comments by the Examiner, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claims 4 and 15 by this Amendment. Although the Examiner would not commit to the withdrawal of the rejections, he did indicate that the claim amendments seem to overcome the rejections.

No exhibits or demonstrations were provided and no amendments were proposed by Applicants' representative.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 4-9, 15-21, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,601,066 to Davis-Hall (hereinafter "Davis-Hall"). Applicants submit that the claims are not anticipated by Davis-Hall at least for the following reasons.

Independent claim 4

Applicants do not acquiesce to the above rejections. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claim 4 to recite automatically changing the document in response to the receiving of the first response based on the indication, said changing of the document comprising automatically replacing the first link or automatically deleting the first link. Contrary to this recitation, Davis-Hall discloses that broken links are automatically sent to a webmaster, and the webmaster manually repairs them. Thus, Applicants submit that Davis-Hall does not teach at least the newly added feature of claim 4.

Because Davis-Hall does not teach all of the features of claim 4 in complete detail, Applicants submit that the claim is not anticipated by Davis-Hall. Applicants further submit that claims 5-9 and 31 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Independent claim 15

In order to expedite prosecution, independent claim 15 is amended to recite that the document is automatically changed in response to the returning of the alternate location identifier by automatically replacing the first link with another link comprising the alternate location identifier. As discussed above, Davis-Hall discloses that broken links are automatically sent to a webmaster, and the webmaster manually repairs them. Thus, Applicants submit that Davis-Hall does not teach at least the newly added feature of claim 15.

Because Davis-Hall does not teach all of the features of claim 15 in complete detail, Applicants submit that the claim is not anticipated by Davis-Hall. Applicants further submit that claims 16-21 and 32 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 15.

New Claims

New claims 33 and 34 have been added. Applicants submit that these claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 4 and 15, respectively and because the cited art of record does not teach or suggest the features recited therein.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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